(c) if so, the justification thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that as per information available with them no such admissions have been ordered during the current academic session.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Shortage of Doctors

4675. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the health centres working in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the percentage of the health centres, out of above, which are facing the shortage of doctors/having no doctors;

(c) whether it is a fact that doctors have not taken over their charge in the said health centres inspite of their appointment to these health centres;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government have received complaints that doctors do not join most of the primary health centres in those areas; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) District-wise details are not maintained by the Central Government.

(b) to (f) As per the information received from the State Govt. as against 3787 sanctioned posts of Medical Officers at Primary Health Centres, 1524 are yet to be filled. The vacancy position in respect of Community Health Centres is as under :

	Sanctioned	In position	Vacant
Surgeon	142	96	46
Obstetrician	144	26	118
Physician	6	4	2
Paediatrician	142	123	19

The State Government has been advised to fill up all vacant posts.

[English]

Blind Persons

4676. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of blind persons in India is highest in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of eyes collected by eye banks in the country during the last three years; and

(d) the total number of blind persons who got eye sight from these banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the basis of a survey conducted in 1989, it is estimated that there are more than 12 million blind persons in the country.

(c) The details of eyes collected by Eye Banks in the country during the last three years are as under :

Year	No. of eyes collected
1992	12729
1993	12225
1994	10541

(d) The details of the total number of blind persons who got eye sight from these banks during last three years are as under :

Year	No. of blind persons benefitted (i.e. keretoplasty done)
1992	5027
1993	3587
1994	3059

Repair of N.H. in Assam

4677. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the portion of the National Highway from Bilasipara to Balbari is badly damaged during this year;

(b) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken to repair and improve it;

(c) whether any representation is submitted by the State Government of Assam for improving the National Highways of the State, recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T G VENKATRAMAN) (a) to (d) The Hon'ble Member desires to know the condition of the NH 31 between Bilaspara to Nalbari (inadvertently mentioned as Balbari) This stretch of NH has suffered due to recent monsoons However all efforts are being made to restore the damages and maintain the National Highway in traffic-worthy condition within available resources

[Translation]

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya

4678 SHRI TARA CHAND SAHU
SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT
SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware of the alleged irregularities in postings and functioning of Senior Officers at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya in Bhopal

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in this regard and also to rectify the functioning of the Institute,

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S R BOMMAI) (a) to (d) Recently some complaints have been received concerning Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal and its top functionanes These are receiving attention of the Government

[English]

Technical Institutions

4679 SHRI N RAMAKRISHNA REDDY
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the places where Technical Institutes have been set up in the country during the last three years till date, State-wise,

(b) whether the Government are considering to set up some more technical institutes,

(c) if so, the details thereof State-wise, and

(d) the achievements made by the technical institutes during the last three years and the amount of Central assistance made available to them State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) (a) to (d) Under the AICTE Act, 1987, the AICTE is empowered to grant approval to new technical institutions, and for introduction of new courses or programmes in consultation with the agencies concerned The proposals received from various State Governments, agencies, Societies as per the prescribed procedure are examined by the AICTE with the help of experts and in consultation with the State Governments concerned While the institutes established earlier with the approval of AICTE have been producing technical manpower, the institutes set up in the last three years have yet to turn out the first batch of students Information with regard to the State-wise technical institutes set up in the country during the last three years till date to being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

[Translation]

ICON of Ganga

4680 KUMARI UMA BHARATI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Icon of Ganga placed in the famous Ganga temple at Gangotri is being worshiped by the devotees inspite of its broken shape,

(b) if so, the reasons for with-holding the facts from the devotees in regard to its broken shape,

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard, and

(d) if so the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S R BOMMAI) (a) No, Sir The Icon of Ganga is not broken

(b) Question does not arise

(c) Yes Sir

(d) An enquiry was conducted District Magistrate, Uttar-kashi has intimated that no Icon of Ganga has been broken

Dispute among Various Departments on Irrigation Projects

4681 SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI
SHRI PAWAN DIWAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware of the disputes amongst various departments during the implementation of irrigation projects